

Weymouth. June 19. 1842. Sunday 6 o'clock.

Dear Deborah, I do not know but you are another-  
ematizing me for not having written ere this. My last  
was dated the 3<sup>d</sup> of June. But firstly I have had  
very little to say & secondly I knew you would hear all  
with hearing from home, & so I put it off till this  
present, but will delay no longer. Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> Lucia  
& I went over to Sylvia Owen's to pass Sunday. John was  
just starting for Oakland. Sylvia was looking very well.  
She is taking all the care of her baby, having only one  
girl. The baby is as ugly & little thing as need be. Elizabeth  
was there boiling & mending as usual. Henry  
& little Henry came after <sup>me</sup> Sunday afternoon as they had  
been taking a drive through Brookline. Lucia re-  
turned the next day. Monday I bought my bonnet  
a Rutland straw for which I gave \$3. I think it pretty  
though rather small. It is trimmed with the loveliest  
green ribbon which was a bargain & shilling a yard.  
After inevitable trials in getting the flowers to the  
bonnet, the bonnet to Kennebec, & Lucia there I trim  
it, I accomplish my work & I staid in the dining  
stage, making Gillet stop at Sumner St for the carpet.  
I arrived safely & found all well. It is no use for me to  
keep a very detailed journal for the rest of the week, for  
Mr & Lucia were house cleaning & I was sick. Desperate  
poorness in every shape & twisted me. Every disease  
that is delicate & unmentionable set in, that is,  
every one that can befall a maiden lady. But as I  
am now rid of them I will not enlarge. You will  
be glad to learn that all our chambers are in perfect  
apple pie order, the green carpet down & the last  
chamber & the other carpeted with straw. The parlor  
has been cleaned & tomorrow or next day down goes the  
new carpet. Then we have altogether front entry & middle



paperage to see to & the work is done. The great mis-  
chance has befallen us. Without asking the advice of a soul  
Pa saw fit to have Hapti completely shaved. Not a curl left.  
Emma & I nearly gave up our souls. But we strive to bear  
it, tho' the poor thing looks like a perfect fool. I forgot to  
say that Luie came out of town the Saturday after I  
did. Emma received your letter a day or two after I came.  
Also I received a very kind letter from Dr. Farnsworth concerning  
where Luie & I could be & urging our coming to Groton  
forthwith. So after a council of war, she & I decided to  
go to Groton on the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of this present month. This would  
take us in the P.M. at 9. I was moreover as good a time  
as we could select. So I wrote to the Dr. & informed him of  
our determination. It will be much pleasure having  
Luie with me, & I think too she will enjoy the visit  
as she has been so little away from home. We shall go  
staying a week & if they behave, may stay longer. - All  
this while that I have been writing I have taken it for  
granted that Christine has written to announce Warren's  
arrival, but if she has not known that he got in yester-  
day morning in fine health & spirits I had gone down  
to Cohasset. We have been expecting him some time  
to day thinking that he might have gone down in a  
chaise & so go home this way, but as we have seen  
nothing of him, we conclude he went down by the  
boat, & shall be expecting him next week till he comes.  
Nervey came down on Friday night to go back tomorrow.  
He is not very well, but nothing more than his  
common pooriness. They are much as usual at Grand  
ma's. Aunt Abbe has been very miserably but is, I  
think, getting better. Aunt Mary's Sunday School again  
still continues to make some fuss, as Pa still insists upon  
having a Committee chosen to look into it. Mr. Silder as  
Chairman, called on Aunt Mary to hear the whole story,  
but as the Committee hardly knew what to report, the  
whole matter was indefinitely postponed.



Still there is some talk of leaving. The Revue is rather  
on the wane. At the last sewing meeting which was held  
at Mrs Rolie's, we were told there was to be a Ten pence  
& Anti Slavery Reading room fitted up under the Unit Church  
& that it was to be offered to the Sewing Circle to hold  
their meetings there in. There was some division of opinion  
in the Society, but it was finally agreed to ask for the  
use of the Bank as we had done here before. Mrs Rolie  
& Lucretia were the Committee & Harriet told them he  
would send in word in a few days. Nothing has been  
heard as yet. That night Mr Harriet called into  
Grandma's to see how much she owed the Society. She  
was somewhat embarrassed, but no allusion was made to  
controversial points. What would you have done about asking  
for the Bank. Ay or no? I will not tell you how we  
went so that I may leave your own embarrassed opinion.  
I had long letters from Caroline by Henry but they contain  
ed nothing very special, nothing but what she will  
probably write you herself. Lucretia & Susan were in town  
yesterday. Monday morning. - We are beginning to  
experience the good of the children's absence. I do not  
mean that we do not mourn greatly after Sandy but  
still their absence is a relief. It will be especially so  
when we shall have got the house all put to rights  
for at present, we have had so many irons in the  
fire that we have had no leisure to feel the good  
of quiet. I shall expect Henry soon some time this  
week, he sure as we desire to leave for Exeter a week  
from Tuesday we shall like him to make us a visit  
before we go. But then I do not expect he will be  
willing to stay long, as I suppose he will come down  
with our Maria. Collins has fought great fights in  
Ohio & done some what, but is now sick in Boston of  
bilious colic. Gibbon has written a great long letter  
to Caroline. He is coming to town to pass the 4th of July.  
I shall be very sorry not to see him but as I have  
made my arrangement with Dr F. I cannot alter it.



We have been reading the 3<sup>d</sup> vol the 2<sup>d</sup> vol of Mad S<sup>r</sup>'s  
voy. It is just the loveliest book you ever read.  
We have not had the 1<sup>st</sup> but Garrison says it is as good.  
The 3<sup>d</sup> is now got out. Get it without fail. Delina  
has just been compared with her 10<sup>th</sup>. It is a girl! & she  
is very well. I send the kernel at this time. It is a  
very rich thing. Stephen will get to be the very  
prince of the court.

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Miss Deborah Weston

New Bedford  
Mass.

Give my love to Mr & Mrs Beane & Abby & all the  
folks that I know. I shall be expecting to hear from  
you every day. I shall write I think just before I go  
& of course, I will write once at least while there. I  
think you decided wisely as to your vacation in the  
winter. You were home how long a very hurried  
driving week. Richard Hunt & Lucy Chipman were  
married. I put this in at Lucia's suggestion when I  
asked if there were any news.  
Yr ever A. W. W.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 17. 73